

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF FREEHOLDERS
COUNTY OF ESSEX**

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RESOLUTION NO. _____ **AUTHORITY FOR RESOLUTION:** N.J.S.A. 40:41A-38(d)

PROPOSED BY: COUNTY EXECUTIVE **AUTHORITY FOR ACTION:** N.J.S.A. 40:41A-36(a)

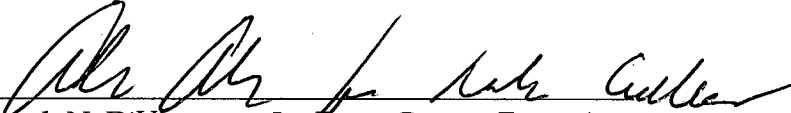
SUBJECT: **Advice and Consent - Nomination for the appointment of G. Marc Ackerman, LSW to the Local Advisory Committee on Alcohol & Drug Abuse**

WHEREAS, Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. Essex County Executive, offers the nomination of G. Marc Ackerman, LSW for appointment as a member for the Local Advisory Committee on Alcohol & Drug Abuse effective immediately to fill a term that would extend through December 31, 2016 now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, by the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Essex as follows:

1. That the Board, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40:41A-38(d), hereby approved and gives its advice and consent to the appointment of G. Marc Ackerman, LSW as a member of the Local Advisory Committee on Alcohol & Drug Abuse, effective immediately through December 31, 2016.
2. That the Clerk of the Board shall forward one (1) certified copy of this resolution to the Offices of the Chief of Staff, the County Administrator, Public Information, and to the Local Advisory Committee on Alcohol & Drug Abuse and G. Marc Ackerman.

I hereby authorize the submission of the above named nominee to said board and term.



Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. Essex County Executive

Approved as to form and legality Anthony Buccione Date 1/26/15
~~File James Pagnelli~~
 ESSEX COUNTY COUNSEL

RECORD OF VOTE (X=Vote N.V.=Abstention ABS=Absent)

Moved By Freeholder _____
 Second by Freeholder _____

Freeholder	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS	Freeholder	Yes	No	N.V.	ABS
Bobadilla					Richardson				
Gill, V.P.					Sebold				
Johnson					Timberlake, Pres.				
Jones					Toro				
Luciano									

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Resolution was () adopted () defeated () tabled by roll call vote at a _____ meeting of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Essex, New Jersey held on _____.

Is Publication Required () Yes () No

Date Published _____

 Britnee N. Timberlake, President

Nomination of G. Marc Ackerman, LSW – (LACADA)

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G. Marc Ackerman, LSW

Forked River, NJ 08731

Education

Masters of Social Work

Monmouth University, Long Branch, NJ

The central mission of the School of Social Work at Monmouth University is to prepare its graduates for professional practice with a commitment to improving the quality of life of vulnerable individuals, families, groups, and communities on the local, national, and international levels.

Bachelors of Science, Criminology

The College of New Jersey, Ewing, NJ

The interdisciplinary concentration in Law and Society would be attractive to students exploring the possibility of going to law school, but also to students interested in law, but not intending to pursue a legal education. The Logic/Critical Thinking component of the concentration will be particularly useful to students planning to attend law school because it should help them negotiate the Law School Aptitude Test. This component is also generally useful to students in developing the reasoning and analytical skills essential to writing clearly and speaking persuasively. The humanities perspectives provide the ethical and philosophical foundation for the study of law, while the social perspectives allow students to view law in historical, social and economic context. Finally, the law courses give students an opportunity to examine one or more substantive areas of the law.

Experience

Integrity House, Newark, NJ

2013-Present

Director of Admissions

- Maintain maximum utilization of 382 residential treatment beds and approximately 100 outpatient treatment slots spread out over Integrity House's Newark and Secaucus campuses.
- Ensure compliance with all utilization requirements for various referral contracts.
- Complete weekly drug court roster to be submitted to statewide Drug Court Coordinator.
- Recruit, train, and supervise admissions counselors and support staff.
- Occasionally perform admissions, including biopsychosocial and LOCI assessments, diagnostic impressions, and interpretive summaries with new clients entering treatment.
- Maintain close, reciprocal relationships with referral and funding sources, including Drug Court, AOC, MAP, Federal Probation/Pre-trial, and various community-based treatment programs.
- Utilize an electronic calendar to track discharges and schedule new clients into available treatment slots.
- Conduct annual performance evaluations with each employee; and implement corrective action when necessary.

Director of Outpatient Services

Integrity House is committed to helping individuals and families through an effective and measurable system of comprehensive therapeutic community addictions treatment and recovery support in a way that brings about positive, long-term lifestyle change.

- Manage daily operations of program including: staff coverage, clinical activities, urine screening, electronic health records system and general accountability of the programs

- Work with all referring agencies and their collateral entities
- Evaluate staff performance as outlined in job functions; create additional job functions as needed
- Generate and submit all monthly/weekly reports for programs
- Attend all multidisciplinary team meetings for programs
- Ensure daily clinical activities schedule is followed
- Manage all clinical activities for the Partial Care, Intensive Outpatient and Outpatient programs
- Ensure the overall delivery of clinical services required by grants
- Provide Clinical Supervision to staff according to licensure standards
- Manage fiscal and clinical operations of the program and outreach to gain referrals and monitor retention in the program
- Participate in quality assurance reviews for client care and staff performance regularly

Ocean Mental Health Services, Bayville, NJ

2004 - 2013

Outreach Clinical Case Mgr. for Programs for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness Unit (PATH); Crisis Diversion Unit; Residential Services

Ocean County outreach programs specializing in linking homeless population and those at risk of psychiatric hospitalization to appropriate resources to assist them in remaining stable within the community.

- Participated in multidisciplinary treatment team for the collaboration of Crisis Diversion & PATH client care.
- Conducted screenings, assessments, & intakes to measure appropriateness for services.
- Developed & implemented comprehensive treatment plans for clients in crisis diagnosed with a wide variety of Axis I & II mental health & substance abuse issues (Co-occurring Disorders).
- Provided intense crisis intervention counseling as needed.
- Assisted clients with activities of daily living through modeling, direct assistance with ADL's, and coaching.
- Provided ongoing assessment of client's emotional well-being, clinical symptomology, behavioral changes, and medication compliance.
- Provided psychosocial education for clients and family members on mental illness, substance abuse, crisis intervention, conflict mediation, symptom management, medication compliance, and life skills.
- Provided 24 hour on call coverage.
- Referred client to community resources for needed assistance
- Arranged for medical, psychiatric, and other tests that may disclose cause of difficulties and indicate remedial measures
- Assisted travelers, including runaways, migrants, transients, refugees, repatriated Americans, and problem families
- Collected supplementary information, such as employment, medical records, and school reports
- Maintained case history records and prepared reports
- Reviewed service plan and performed follow-up to determine quantity and quality of service provided to client
- Determined client's eligibility for financial assistance
- Developed program content, organized, and led activities planned to enhance social development of individual members and accomplishment of group goals

National Council on Alcohol & Drug Dependence, Toms River, NJ

2008 - 2011

Substance Care Coordinator

The WFNJ Substance Abuse Initiative assesses, refers, monitors and funds the treatment of those individuals who are receiving government public assistance and have either a conviction for possession and/or use of a controlled dangerous substance or have self-reported a current substance abuse issue.

- Conduct comprehensive clinical assessments using the Addiction Severity Index (ASI) and the DSM-IV-TR to determine the severity of the client's needs and the appropriate level of care.
- Refer clients to treatment at NJ Division of Addiction Services licensed and approved treatment providers.
- Provide the authorization of approved funding units for assessed & placed Level of Care.
- Provide intense & effective clinical case management throughout the continuum of care during the client's treatment.
- Consistently monitoring client's clinical needs utilizing American Society of Addicted Medicine (ASAM) criteria by conducting regular Continuing Service Reviews with the treatment providers on behalf of the client.
- Conduct service coordination between different & separate systems including State of NJ welfare, Medicaid, Special Response Housing, transportation, mental health agencies, and substance abuse treatment providers.
- Maintain confidentiality of protected personal information with all involved systems & providers in accordance with both HIPPA & CFR-42.
- Attend regularly scheduled continuing education & trainings sponsored by NCADD in the spirit of remaining current in the field of mental health & substance abuse treatment.

Ocean Medical Services, Toms River, NJ

2008-2009

Substance Abuse Counselor, Outpatient Opioid Maintenance Therapy Center

Provide clinical intervention and substance abuse case management for clients who are enrolled in the Opioid Maintenance Therapy treatment program.

- Conducted client assessments and evaluations; develop and implement treatment plans for clients
- Provided case management services for clients
- Provided individual, group and family therapy, as necessary.
- Prepared and maintain clinical records.
- Submitted reports as required.
- Participated in clinical staffing and team meetings
- Made referrals to appropriate resource agencies
- Provided feedback to resource agencies
- Provided crisis intervention, when needed.
- Participated in staff development activities
- Assisted in training and education of other staff members, interns and students

Seashore Family Services, Toms River, NJ

2007 - 2011

Substance Abuse Counselor

- Providing multidisciplinary outpatient substance abuse treatment to residents of Ocean County.
- Offered comprehensive bio-psychosocial assessments, mental health status examination & diagnoses the degree and severity of substance abuse or dependency in the client demonstrating knowledge of DSM diagnosis and ASAM placement criteria
- Provided individual, family and group counseling displaying knowledge of the addictive process and treatment techniques.
- Engaged family or collateral person in treatment; assess, and evaluate client's issues and concerns helping clients identify appropriate solutions in a timely fashion to develop appropriate and realistic treatment plan.
- Applied the appropriate interventions and treatment processes to assist the patient in attaining the goals of treatment.

- Provided comprehensive case management services, which entails the facilitation of timely and effective intakes, admissions, treatment and discharge plans and communication with referral sources and ancillary services for the assigned clients.
- Displayed the ability to work with difficult clients, including crisis intervention skills
- Maintained confidentiality and an ethical relationship with clients and co-workers accordingly to Company's policies and as Addiction Professional Certification Board of New Jersey
- Displayed good reporting skills. Develops and completes progress notes in a timely fashion, and individualized treatment plans to be achieved by clients.
- Enforced all agencies' policies and ensures clients comply with treatment plan.
- Responsible for maintaining confidential client records.
- Responsible for keeping current in the field attending formal and agency trainings.
- Maintained current knowledge of community agencies, facilities, and services pertinent to mental health and addiction services.
- Provided advocacy for clients with local agencies helping them receive the services.
- Entered data on required software to ensure client's file documentation and other reports are up to date.
- Coordinator for Intensive Outpatient Treatment Program consisting exclusively of Ocean County Drug Court Participants
- Worked closely as liaison to Ocean County Drug Court Program including probation officers, task evaluators and judges

Lacey Township School District, Lacey Twp., NJ

2002 - 2004

Long Term Substitute Teacher, Special Ed.

Taught content and skills in subject area utilizing curriculum designated by New Jersey Public Schools & other appropriate learning activities.

- Instructed students in basic subject matter specified in state law & administrative regulations & procedures of New Jersey Public Schools
- Developed lesson plans & supplementary materials compatible with the district's basic instructional philosophy & congruent with course standards; provided individualized & small group instruction in order to adapt the curriculum to the needs of each student & subgroups of students.
- Evaluated academic & social growth of students, prepared report cards, kept appropriate records to include attendance reports, checklists, census forms, & other record keeping activities as necessary.
- Established and maintained standards of student behavior needed to provide an orderly, productive classroom environment.
- Worked primarily with Special Education students diagnosed with a variety of learning disabilities
- Worked closely with Lacey Twp. School District Child Study Team in developing Individual Education Plans
- Recognized publicly as an educator capable of producing positive outcomes with even the most challenging of students

Skills

- LSW license approved by NJ Division of Consumer Affairs; NJ Board of Social Work Examiners;
- [REDACTED]
- Submitted application to NJ Division of Consumer Affairs to schedule LCADC Licensing Exam
- Field supervisor for masters level interns
- Detailed knowledge of managed healthcare systems
- Well trained and versed in a multitude of behavioral health theories and treatment modalities
- Great deal of experience in addiction and mental health treatment in progressively accountable positions

- Intricate comprehension of DSM-IV TR
- Knowledge of the multifaceted discipline of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
- Active participating member of the Council of Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey
- Proficient in electronic medical record keeping
- Active practitioner and competitor of Brazilian Jujitsu and Muay Thai Kickboxing
- Excellent references available upon request

Training

- Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor Training Program, New Jersey Prevention Network, 2006
- Certified Compulsive Gambling Counselor Training Program, Council on Compulsive Gambling of New Jersey, 2007
- NJ Disaster Relief Crisis Counseling Training Program, NJ Dept. of Human Services, 2007